

EXHIBIT A

GE Insurance Solutions Company History

1908 : Employers Indemnity Exchange is founded in Houston, TX, by laundry owner and attorney Edward Grigsby Trimble. The company writes employers liability insurance and teams (horse-drawn vehicles) liability for local laundry owners.

1911 : The company relocates to Kansas City, Missouri and is now writing workers compensation coverage in several states and for several industries.

1914 : The company becomes a stock company and changes its name to Employers Indemnity Corporation. Steady growth follows, including branching into new types of insurance such as casualty lines for workers compensation.

1915 : Mr. Trimble issues the first reinsurance policies in the United States for specific access and aggregate excess workmen's compensation and sets up a reinsurance department to handle this new type of business.

1918 : The company pioneers employers indemnity - accidental death written with life policies.

1926-1927 : The company sells its casualty and direct accident and health businesses, along with renewals and agency plants, to concentrate on reinsurance.

1928 : Employers Indemnity Corporation becomes Employers Reinsurance Corporation, also known as ERC.

1931 : ERC opens its first branch office in Chicago.

1936 : ERC opens its New York branch office.

1937 : ERC licensed in every state, as well as in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

1938 : ERC has capital and surplus of \$4 million, assets of \$16 million and written premiums approaching \$7 million. Upon his retirement, Mr. Trimble is characterized by one insurance editor as "an idealist and an organizer."

1938 : President Howard Flagg leads a growth phase at the company. He is characterized as an outstanding producer of reinsurance business.

1943 : President J. Breathitt Robertson culminates his 31-year career with the company as president and CEO. He is known as a "thorough student of insurance and insurance law" and as "a progressive administrator." During his tenure, ERC enters property insurance and assists in bringing about increases in rates in excess limits tables, which benefit the entire industry.

1952 : When Frank P. Proper takes the helm as president, the Korean War is on and liability claims are soaring. With prompt and decisive action, underwriters are sent out to seek retentions and rates from policyholders. Although the company loses a number of policies, it retains enough to maintain a position in the industry. During Mr. Proper's 13-year tenure as president, the company earns a reputation for being a profitable and conservative organization.

1954 : ERC is the first company to introduce reinsurance for Substandard Accident and Sickness business. ERC President Stanford Miller spends more than 30 years with the company. Under his guidance, the company places greater emphasis on underwriting technology. Through decades of growth and acquisitions, the company successfully insures and reinsures virtually every form of insurance. Mr. Miller gives particular interest to continuing education for all employees, adopting the theme "The Pursuit of Excellence."

1967 : The company opens its first overseas office in Zurich, Switzerland, formally organizing its International department.

1969 : ERC's first Canadian offices open in Toronto and Montreal.

1978 : Clyde F. DeWitt succeeds Stanford Miller as president of ERC.

1980: Getty Oil purchases ERC. That same year, the company moves its corporate headquarters from Kansas City, Missouri to suburban Overland Park, Kansas.

1980 : President and CEO Michael G. Fitt leads ERC through the 1980s. A native of the UK, Mr. Fitt began his career with ERC in 1969 as manager of ERC's Canadian operations when the company expanded its business into that country. Mr. Fitt leads the company through mergers with Getty Oil and General Electric.

1984 : In February, Getty Oil is purchased by Texaco. In July, General Electric purchases ERC from Texaco.

1986 : Employers Reassurance Corporation commences its life reinsurance business from its Overland Park, Kansas office.

1987 : GE ERC acquires Nordisk Re. During the celebration of its centennial in 1994, Nordisk Re changes its name to Employers Reinsurance International.

1988 : Employers Reinsurance Limited (UK) assumes the underwriting of GE Insurance Solutions's European business, formerly underwritten by the Zurich branch office.

1989 : In November, First Specialty Insurance Corporation is established as an GE ERC subsidiary providing excess and surplus lines of coverage.

1991 : Thomas S. Case is president and CEO of GE ERC.

1993 : Kaj Ahlmann takes the helm at GE ERC as president and CEO. The native of Denmark joined the company in 1988 through its acquisition of Nordisk Re and became head of its European operations in 1990. During his tenure, the company expands through its strategy of "globalization by localization."

1994 : GE ERC's parent company, General Electric, becomes the first Fortune 500 company outside the computer industry to go online. Two years later, the company's comprehensive website GE.com is launched.

1995 : GE ERC acquires Frankona Reinsurance Company and Aachen Reinsurance. GE introduces its Six Sigma vision of quality, a disciplined process that helps the company work with customers to develop and deliver near-perfect products and services. GE ERC is named Reinsurance Company of the Year by The Review magazine.

1997 : GE ERC acquires Coregis Insurance and its professional liability and property/casualty lines. This allows the company to expand its commercial insurance business with attorneys and other niche groups.

1998 : During this year of active growth, GE ERC acquires Industrial Risk Insurers, The Medical Protective Company, Kemper Re and Eagle Star Re.

1999 : David L. Calhoun is named president and CEO of GE ERC, invigorating the GE culture at the company. Analysts describe GE ERC as one of the most profitable companies in the global reinsurance market. It is ranked among the five largest reinsurers in the world. GE ERC's life operations are licensed to operate in Canada as Employers Reassurance Canada Management Services, Inc. Ltd. GE ERC also acquires Phoenix Life Re. GE ERC is the first reinsurer in the world to offer original loss warranties via the internet with its web-enabled eBusiness distribution channel, Reinsurance Online.

2000 : General Electric is named the World's Most Admired Company by Fortune magazine for the third year in a row. GE is also named the World's Most Respected Company by The Financial Times. Taking over as president and CEO of GE ERC, Ron Pressman focuses on four key initiatives: serving customers, securing appropriate pricing for risks, driving Six Sigma Quality through all of GE ERC's processes and expanding eBusiness initiatives.

2002 : GE ERC grows to become one of the top four reinsurers in the world with high industry ratings from Standard & Poor's AA-, A.M. Best A+ and Moody's Aa. American United Life selects GE ERC to reinsure its life, long term care and international reinsurance business. GE Frankona Re subsidiary forms a new aviation reinsurance unit. GE Insurance Solutions applies for a full property and casualty insurance operating license from the China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC). GE is named the World's Most Admired Company by Fortune magazine for the fifth year in a row. General Electric infuses ERC with \$1.8 billion in

capital to meet reserve requirements.

2003 : GE ERC leads a fundamental yet sweeping change in the reinsurance industry, replacing \$3.9 billion in under performing business with \$4.3 billion in more profitable business. This financial turnaround is instrumental in the company posting a new profit of \$482M in 2003. GE ERC completes a restructuring of its Global Life & Health reinsurance operations, focusing on accident & health reinsurance in the United States and life & health reinsurance in the UK and Europe. GE ERC is granted a full reinsurance operating license to market and write reinsurance business directly from South Korea.

2004 : GE ERC and its affiliate companies begin marketing under a new brand name - GE Insurance Solutions, part of an overall simplification of General Electric. In addition to the brand name, GE Insurance Solutions announces its "brand promise" - to deliver world-class Risk Analytics on a foundation of Unsurpassed Customer Service. The company reorganizes around strategic product lines:

- Property & Casualty
- Accident & Health Reinsurance (United States)
- Life & Health Reinsurance (Europe)
- Professional Liability
- Healthcare Reinsurance
- Programs for Managing General Underwriters
- Workers Compensation
- Pensions, Annuities and Equity Release (United Kingdom)